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OFFICE OF
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Cincinnati, Ohio, January 18th, 1889.

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You have perhaps known that the St. Louis Chronicle, one of the papers comprising the Scripps League, has been importing pennies to that city very largely, but is entirely unable to supply the demand. I am given to understand that you are worked to your utmost capacity in the mint in coining pennies, that is all the machines you have engaged in that purpose are in use. Would you be kind enough to advise me care of the Evening Post, Cincinnati, what is really necessary in order to increase the coinage of pennies - that is, are there more machines needed, or is the appropriation not sufficient to run the machines to their fullest capacity, etc. ? If you will be kind enough to advise me of this matter at your earliest convenience I will be under many obligations to you as a supply of pennies in general use is a pre-requisite to success in any city where we run one cent papers. I think I will have no difficulty in getting the matter through congress What I desire from you is the information that I may write intelligently to various congressmen asking them to go into the matter at their earliest convenience so that we may have a sufficient supply of pennies to meet the demand in the West.

Awaiting your early reply I am,

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E. W. Scripps, President,
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